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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
and
FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS
for
MONTANA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE,
and
MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

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AS OF
APR. 1, 1963

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from advance estimates of the streamflow.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

Streamflow forecasts are obtained by a comparison of total or maximum snow accumulation, as measured by snow water equivalent, to the subsequent spring and summer or snowmelt season runoff over a period of years. The snow water equivalent measured in selected snow courses provides most of the index to the streamflow forecast for the following season. More accurate forecasts are usually obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast procedure. Early season forecasts assume average climatic conditions through the snowmelt season.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions. Soil Conservation Service Reports may be secured from Water Supply Forecasting Unit, Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 4170, Portland 8, Oregon.

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<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COOPERATING WITH</u>
RIVER BASINS			
WESTERN UNITED STATES			
MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	PORTLAND, OREGON	ALL COOPERATORS	
STATES			
ALASKA	MONTHLY (MAR.-MAY)	PALMER, ALASKA	ALASKA S.C.D.
ARIZONA	SEMI-MONTHLY (JAN.15 - APR.1)	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	SALT R. VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOC. ARIZ. AGR. EXP. STATION
COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	FORT COLLINS, COLORADO	COLO. STATE UNIVERSITY COLO. STATE ENGINEER N. MEX. STATE ENGINEER
IDAHO	MONTHLY (JAN.-JUNE)	BOISE, IDAHO	IDAHO STATE RECLAMATION ENGINEER
MONTANA	MONTHLY (JAN.-JUNE)	BOZEMAN, MONTANA	MONT. AGR. EXP. STATION
NEVADA	MONTHLY (JAN.-MAY)	RENO, NEVADA	NEVADA DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES - DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
OREGON	MONTHLY (JAN.-JUNE)	PORTLAND, OREGON	OREG. STATE UNIVERSITY OREGON STATE ENGINEER
UTAH	MONTHLY (JAN.-JUNE)	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	UTAH STATE ENGINEER
WASHINGTON	MONTHLY (FEB.-JUNE)	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	WN. STATE DEPT. OF CONSERVATION
WYOMING	MONTHLY (FEB.-JUNE)	CASPER, WYOMING	WYOMING STATE ENGINEER

PUBLISHED BY OTHER AGENCIES

<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
BRITISH COLUMBIA	MONTHLY (FEB.-JUNE)	WATER RIGHTS BR., DEPT. OF LANDS, FORESTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, PARLIAMENT BLDG., VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA
CALIFORNIA	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	CALIF. DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES, P.O. BOX 388, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

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MONTANA
WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
April 1, 1963

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* A shortage of irrigation water can be expected this *
* summer in the Beaverhead, Madison, Sun, Marias and *
* Milk River basins east of the divide and in the *
* Bitterroot River basin west of the divide. Record *
* low flows are forecast for the extreme southwestern *
* portion of the state. *
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Below average mountain precipitation and above average temperatures resulted in forecasts being lowered 10 to 15 percent over those issued last month.

West of the divide, streamflow is forecast to be 70 to 80 percent of average, except in the Bitterroot drainage where flows are expected to be 60 to 65 percent average.

East of the divide, streamflow is forecast to be about 40 percent average on the Red Rock drainage, which is lower than the lowest flow on record. The Big Hole and Jefferson drainages are expected to produce 70 to 80 percent average flows, while the Madison River is forecast at 65 to 75 percent average. The Gallatin drainage is forecast at 92 percent average. The combined flow of the three tributaries to the Missouri River is expected to produce 71 percent average flow at Toston. The Missouri River downstream near Wolf Point is forecast at 60 percent average, reflecting the 73 percent forecast for the Sun River, 55 percent for the Marias River and 66 percent for the Milk River.

The Musselshell River, in the central part of the state, is forecast at 98 percent average.

The Yellowstone River tributaries are forecast to produce 70 to 85 percent average flows during the spring and summer months.

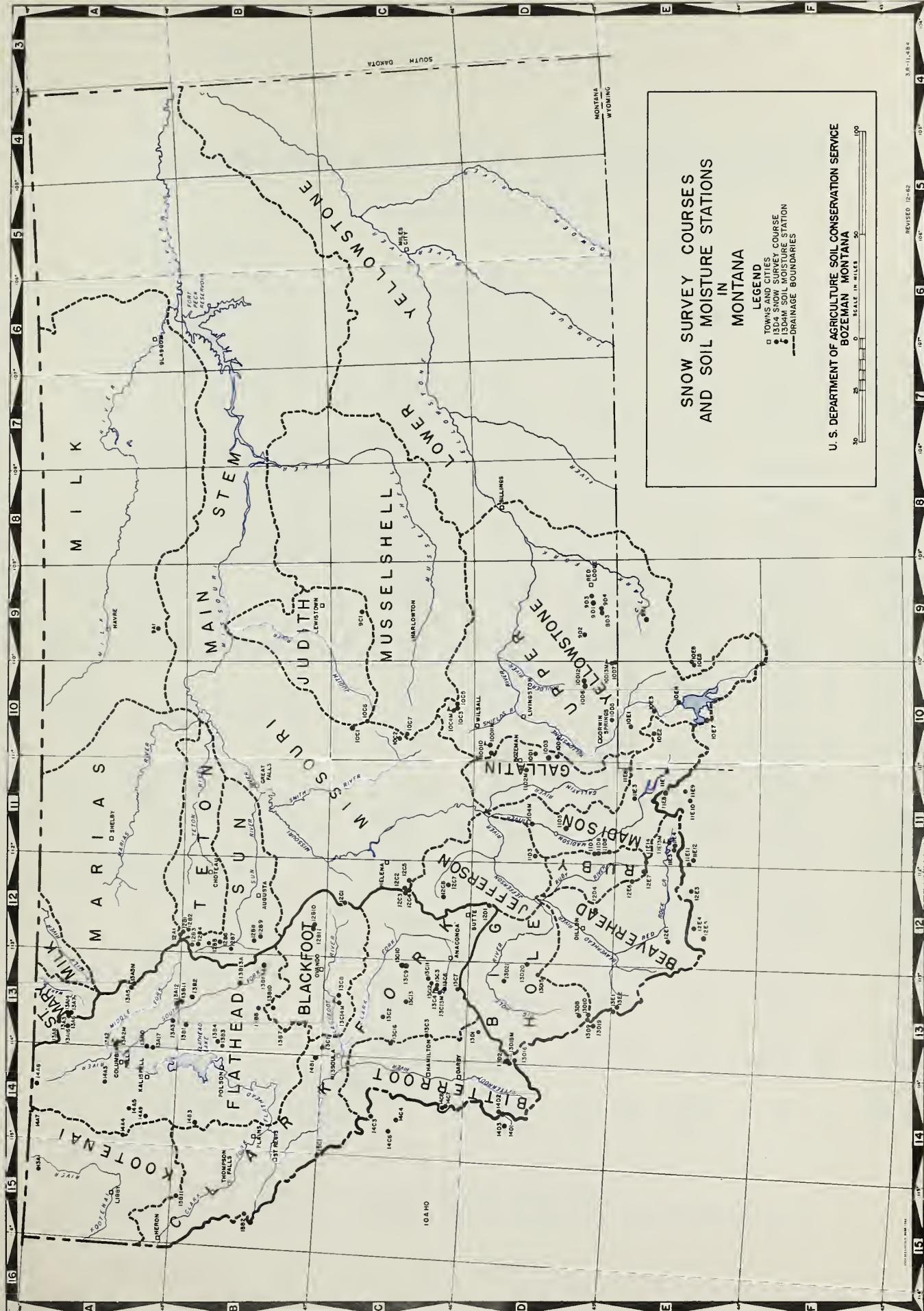
The April 1 snow pack is below average in all drainages in the state west of the divide. Snow cover is 65 to 75 percent of last year and 60 to 70 percent average, except in the Upper Clark Fork area where the pack is 85 percent of last year and 87 percent average.

East of the divide, tributaries to the Missouri River have a snow pack that is 50 to 75 percent of last year and 55 to 75 percent average. Exceptions are the Gallatin and Musselshell drainages where the snow pack is 10 to 20 percent below last year and 85 to 95 percent average. In the Yellowstone drainage the snow pack is 66 percent of last year and 70 percent average.

Storage in irrigation reservoirs is generally near or above average except in the Marias and Milk River areas.

Storage in power reservoirs is generally above average.





INDEX TO MONTANA SNOW COURSES AND SOIL MOISTURE STATIONS

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<u>Missouri River Basin cont'd</u>											
Drainage Basin & Course Name	Number	Location Sec.	Elev.	Lat.	Twp.	Range	Record Began	Measuring Dates	Measured by	Location Sec.	Elev.
<u>COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN</u>											
KOOTENAI RIVER											
Bear Creek	13811	5800	6	25N	20W	1937	4,4,5	2			
Brush Creek	1344	5000	13	30N	26W	1937	3,4,5	1,2			
Red Mountain	1541	6000	4	36N	29W	1937	3,4,5,6	1,2			
Wessel Divide	1347	5450	8	37N	24W	1937	3,4,5,6	1,2			
FLATHEAD RIVER											
Basin Creek	1381A	5000	11	19N	12W	1951	2,3,4,5	1			
Bassoo Peak	1343	5150	11	24N	25W	1960	3,4,5	1,5			
Sig Creek	1383	6750	7	22N	18W	1941	3,4,5	6			
Camp Creek	13417	6200	20	20N	19W	1962	3,4,5	1,2			
Desert Mountain	1342	5600	22	31N	19W	1937	3,4,5	6			
Fetty Creek	1384	5500	4	22N	18W	1962	3,4,5	6			
Giffin Creek Divde	1349	5150	11	28N	25W	1960	3,4,5	1,5			
Hall Ranchin Divide	1343	5770	35	32N	22W	1942	3,4,5,6	1			
Hall Ranchin Divide	1381A	4530	18	21N	13W	1941	2,3,4,5	1			
Kishinev	1346	3800	14	37N	22W	1954	3,4,5	6			
Logan Creek	1345	4300	34	30N	24W	1937	3,4,5	1,2			
Maries Pass	1345	5250	34	30N	14W	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3			
Mineral Creek	13416	4000	29	35N	17W	1939	3,4	6			
North Fork Jocke	1387	6330	3	17N	17W	1941	3,4,5,6	1,5			
Quinton Creek	13413	3000	11	26N	17W	1941	3,4,5	1,2			
Spotted Bear Mt.	1382	7000	23	25N	15W	1948	1,2,3,4,5	1,2			
Strawberry Lake	13410	6500	11	28N	19W	1948	3,4,5	1			
Trinkus Lake	1381	6500	9	25N	17W	1948	3,4,5	1			
Trot Lake	13412	3600	21	28N	17W	1948	1,2,3,4,5	1,2			
Twin Creeks	13811	3580	14	26N	16W	1951	3,4,5	1,2			
Upper Holland Lake	1385	7000	28	20N	16W	1948	3,4,5	1			
CLARK FORK RIVER											
Black Pine	13C12	7100	23	8N	15W	1959	3,4,5	1			
Copper Creek	13810	5700	1	15N	9W	1962	3,4	1			
Cotter Mine	12811	6250	2	15N	9W	1962	3,4	1			
Coyote Hill	13810	4200	12	18N	16W	1947	1,2,3,4,5	1,2			
El Dorado Mine	13C9	7800	23	8N	12W	1949	3,4	1			
Fredrick Pass	13C11	8000	12	6N	13W	1957	3,4,5	1			
Gold Creek	13C10	7200	14	30N	12W	1949	3,4	1			
Noonoo Creek	13C1	6200	9	1LN	27W	1937	3,4,5	1,2			
Interguard	13C4	6450	6	5N	13W	1936	2,3,4	4			
Lubrecht Forest #6	13C8	4040	11	13N	14W	1951	1,2,3,4,5	8			
Red Lion	13C7	7000	27	6N	13W	1948	3,4,5	1			
Skaha Summit	13C3	7250	30	6N	17W	1937	3,4,5,6	1			
Silida Rock Mt.	13C2	7100	35	10N	16W	1937	3,4,5	1			
Southern Cross	13C5	6500	8	5N	17W	1936	2,3,4	4			
Storm Lake	13C7	7780	19	4N	13W	1939	1,2,3,4,5	1			
Stuart Hill	13C6	6500	19	5N	17W	1936	2,3,4	4			
T.V. Mountains	13C1	6800	33	15N	19W	1956	1,2,3,4,5	1			
BITTERROOT RIVER											
AnBrose	13C16	6775	28	9N	15W	1960	3,4,5	1			
East Park R.S.	13C1	5400	16	2N	17W	1937	3,4	1			
Oliver's Pass	13C2	7200	4	25	19N	1934	1,2,3,4,5,6	1,3			
Lost Horse	13C7	5940	5	4N	23W	1960	3,4,5	1			
Nex Farce Gap	13D2	5580	19	15	23W	1937	3,4,5	1			
Nex Farce Pass	13D1	6575	25	15	24W	1937	3,4,5	1			
Twin Lakes	13C8	6510	32	5N	23W	1960	3,4,5	1			
SASKATCHEWAN RIVER BASIN											
ST. MARY RIVER											
Iceberg Lake #3	13A3	5600	34	36N	16W	1922	5	3,9			
Josephine Lower #9	13A4	4900	10	35N	16W	1955	5	3,9			
Mount Allen #7	13A7	5700	22	35N	16W	1922	5	3,9			
Piegas Pass #6	13A6	5500	15	35N	16W	1922	5	3,9			
Pterigan #8	13A8	5800	32	36N	16W	1937	5	3,9			
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN											
<u>MISSOURI RIVER BASIN</u>											
FLATHEAD RIVER											
Desert Mountain	13A2H	5600	24	31N	19W	1956	Monthly	1			
Maries Pass	13A5M	5250	34	30N	19W	1950	Monthly	1			
CLARK FORK RIVER											
Georgetown Lake	13C15H	6450	6	5N	13N	1962	Monthly	1			
Lubrecht Forest	13C13M	6100	11	15N	15W	1961	Monthly	1			
BITTERROOT RIVER											
Gibbons Pass	13D1M	7100	4	2S	19W	1962	Monthly	1			
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN											
BEAVERHEAD RIVER											
Bloody Butcher	13D10	7600	12	8S	16W	1942	3,4	1			
Carter Creek	13D4	7400	22	8S	7W	1963	3,4	1			
Gold Stone	13D9	8100	11	8S	16W	1948	3,4	1			
Lakeview Canyon	13E4	6930	26	14S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10			
Lakeview Ridge	13E3	7400	27	14S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10			
Lemhi Pass	13E1	7280	9	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1			
Trell Crock	13E2	7090	15	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1			
White Pine Ridge	13E1	8850	18	14S	9W	1948	3,4,5	1			
RIVER RIVER											
Clover Meadow	11D8	8600	28	9S	2W	1953	3,4,5	1			
Divide	12E7	7900	14	12S	4W	1963	3,4,5	1			
Notch	12E6	8500	18	1S	4W	1963	3,4,5	1			
BIG HOLE RIVER											
Abundance Lake	13D20	8800	7	3S	12W	1963	3,4,5	1			
Derkhouse Lake	13D19	8600	4	8S	16W	1963	3,4,5	1			
Elk Horn Springs	13D15	8000	15	4S	12W	1935	3,4,5	3			
Foolbon	13D21	8500	14	1S	13W	1963	3,4,5	1			
John's Crook	13D8	7340	25	7S	16W	1948	3,4	1			
JEFFERSON RIVER											
Berry Meadow	12C7	7300	17	5N	5W	1962	3,4	1			
Picnic Grounds	12C6	6500	10	5N	6W	1941	2,3,4	4			
Lipeston Pass	12D1	7200	10	1N	7W	1938	1,2,3,4,5	1			
M - Soil Moisture A - Aerial Marker											

1/ Numerals 1,2,3,4,5,6 refer to January 1, February 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, May 15 and June 1.

2/ Numerals refer to Agency that secures the snow survey as follows:

- 1. Soil Conservation Service
- 2. U. S. Forest Service
- 3. U. S. Geological Survey
- 4. Montana Power Company
- 5. U. S. Indian Service
- 6. National Park Service
- 7. Montana Experiment Station
- 8. Montana State Forestry School
- 9. Dominion Water & Power Bureau
- 10. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF APRIL 1, 1963

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST	PERCENT	MEASURED FLOW	
		PERIOD	THIS YEAR	AVERAGE	LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
<u>COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN</u>						
	KOOTENAI RIVER					
3030	Libby (at)	Apr-Sept	5500	70	6632	7723
		Apr-July	4650	70	5707	6694
3050	Leonia (at)	Apr-Sept	6280	70	7605	8907
		Apr-July	5330	68	6603	7817
	NORTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER					
3555	Columbia Falls (near)	Apr-Sept	1339	69	1678	1942
		Apr-July	1220	69	1540	1769
		Apr-June	1030	69	1356	1491
	MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD RIVER					
3585	West Glacier (near)	Apr-Sept	1394	74	1702	1882
		Apr-July	1283	74	1582	1747
		Apr-June	1102	74	1402	1487
	SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER					
3625	Columbia Falls (nr)(17)	Apr-Sept	1949	85	2465	2297
		Apr-July	1847	85	2358	2180
		Apr-June	1622	85	2132	1901
	FLATHEAD RIVER					
3630	Columbia Falls (at)(17)	Apr-Sept	4816	76	6030	6299
		Apr-July	4444	76	5631	5846
		Apr-June	3800	76	5009	4993
3720	Polson (near)(18)	Apr-Sept	5711	76	7073	7463
		Apr-July	5282	76	6614	6939
		Apr-June	4496	76	5880	5896
	SWAN RIVER					
3700	Big Fork (near)	Apr-Sept	562	88	771	641
		Apr-July	496	87	692	568
		Apr-June	402	87	588	460
	BLACKFOOT RIVER					
3400	Bonner (near)	Apr-Sept	834	83	1090	1000
		Apr-July	750	83	993	907
		Apr-June	640	83	877	775
	FLINT CREEK					
3295	Maxville (at)	Apr-Sept	37.5	81	39.1	46.4
		Apr-July	28.8	81	27.8	35.4
	BOULDER CREEK					
3300	Maxville (at)	Apr-Sept	21.6	77	24.8	28.2
		Apr-July	19.9	77	22.7	25.8
	MIDDLE FORK ROCK CREEK					
3320	Philipsburg (near)	Apr-Sept	67.9	85		80.2
		Apr-July	60.7	84		72.1

(17) Corrected for storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir.

(18) Corrected for storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake.

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(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST	PERCENT	MEASURED FLOW	
		PERIOD	THIS YEAR	AVERAGE	LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
CLARK FORK RIVER						
3404	Milltown (above)(14)	Apr-Sept	648	79	769	815
		Apr-July	568	79	677	716
		Apr-June	478	79	590	609
3405	Missoula (above)	Apr-Sept	1482	82	1859	1814
		Apr-July	1318	81	1660	1620
		Apr-June	1118	81	1467	1384
3530	Missoula (below)	Apr-Sept	2394	71	3323	3361
		Apr-July	2183	71	3025	3059
		Apr-June	1860	71	2686	2608
3545	St. Regis (at)	Apr-Sept	3130	69	4416	4549
		Apr-July	2838	69	4013	4140
		Apr-June	2438	69	3566	3550
3890	Plains (near)(18)	Apr-Sept	9098	74	11956	12337
		Apr-July	8322	74	11030	11316
		Apr-June	7077	74	9775	9625
3920	Whitehorse Rapids (at)(19)	Apr-Sept	10136	73	13331	13932
		Apr-July	9320	73	12251	12763
		Apr-June	7876	73	10853	10816
WEST FORK BITTERROOT RIVER						
3425	Conner (near)(15)	Apr-Sept	118	67	156	176
		Apr-July	108	66	145	164
BITTERROOT RIVER						
3440	Darby (near)	Apr-Sept	386	66	548	587
		Apr-July	360	66	510	547
		Apr-June	315	66	459	477
3528	Missoula (near)(16)	Apr-Sept	912	59	1464	1557
		Apr-July	865	59	1365	1450
		Apr-June	742	60	1219	1244
BLODGETT CREEK						
3475	Corvallis (near)	Apr-Sept	40.9	87		46.7
		Apr-July	39.1	88		44.4

- (14) Difference in observed flow, Clark Fork above Missoula & Blackfoot at Bonner.
- (15) Corrected for storage in Painted Rocks Reservoir.
- (16) Difference in observed flow, Clark Fork above and below Missoula.
- (18) Corrected for storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake.
- (19) Corrected for storage in Hungry Horse, Flathead Lake and Noxon Reservoirs.



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NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST	PERCENT AVERAGE	MEASURED FLOW	
		PERIOD	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

	RED ROCK RIVER					
0110	Kennedy Ranch (at)	Apr-Sept	31.7	41	106	76.6
		Apr-July	29.2	41	97	70.8
0125	Monida (near)(1)	Apr-Sept	33.4	39	110	86.4
		Apr-July	31.7	39	101	82.2
	BIG HOLE RIVER					
0255	Melrose (near)	Apr-Sept	617	80	671	770
		Apr-July	567	80	619	714
	BOULDER RIVER					
0330	Boulder (near)	Apr-Sept	70.4	88	70.2	79.9
		Apr-July	67.5	88	66.5	76.5
	JEFFERSON RIVER					
0345	Sappington (at)	Apr-Sept	776	72	968	1074
		Apr-July	686	72	843	958
	MADISON RIVER					
0375	West Yellowstone (near)	Apr-Sept	164	76	228	216
		Apr-July	125	76	176	165
0385	Grayling (near)(2)	Apr-Sept	302	68	484	448
		Apr-July	243	68	374	357
0410	McAllister (near)(3)	Apr-Sept	507	67	831	756
		Apr-July	410	67	679	613
	GALLATIN RIVER					
0435	Gateway (near)	Apr-Sept	422	92	577	459
		Apr-July	362	92	494	395
	HYALITE CREEK					
0500	Hyalite R. S. (at)(4)	Apr-Sept	37.0	102		36.1
		Apr-July	31.8	102		31.0
	GALLATIN RIVER					
0525	Logan (at)	Apr-Sept	425	86	619	492
		Apr-July	364	86	527	422

(1) Corrected for storage in Lima Reservoir.

(2) Corrected for storage in Hebgen Lake.

(3) Corrected for storage in Hebgen and Ennis Lakes.

(4) Corrected for storage in Middle Creek Reservoir.



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NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	PERCENT AVERAGE	(1000 Acre Feet)	
					MEASURED FLOW	LAST YEAR* AVERAGE
MISSOURI RIVER						
0545	Toston (at)(3)	Apr-Sept	1679	71	2347	2342
		Apr-July	1436	71	2004	2030
0908	Fort Benton (at)(5)	Apr-Sept	2451	68		3599
		Apr-July	2089	68		3076
1095	Virgelle (at)(6)	Apr-Sept	2848	65		4393
		Apr-July	2475	65		3803
1150	Zortman (near)(6)	Apr-Sept	3148	65		4806
		Apr-July	2672	65		4143
1320	Fort Peck Dam (below)(7)	Apr-Sept	2894	61		4761
		Apr-July	2553	61		4181
1770	Wolf Point (near)(7)	Apr-Sept	3160	60	5043	5261
		Apr-July	2793	60	4513	4652
3300	Williston, N.D. (near)(8)	Apr-Sept	8511	68	13381	12562
		Apr-July	7288	66	11841	11101
PRICKLY PEAR CREEK						
0615	Clancy (near)	Apr-Sept	18.4	77		23.9
		Apr-July	16.1	77		20.8
NORTH FORK SUN RIVER						
0785	Augusta (near)	Apr-Sept	171	72		239
		Apr-July	158	71		222
SUN RIVER						
0786	Gibson Dam (at)(10)	Apr-Sept	431	73	616	588
		Apr-July	394	73	569	538
MARIAS RIVER						
0995	Shelby (near)	Apr-Sept	365	55	419	659
		Apr-July	333	55	391	605
SOUTH FORK MUSSELSHELL RIVER						
1185	Martinsdale (above)	Apr-Sept	52.5	98	49.8	53.6
		Apr-July	50.1	98	46.0	51.4
MILK RIVER						
1350	Eastern Crossing (at)	Apr-Sept	154	66	212	234

(3) Corrected for storage in Hebgen and Ennis Lakes.

(5) Corrected for storage in Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

(6) Corrected for storage in Canyon Ferry and Tiber Reservoirs.

(7) Corrected for storage in Canyon Ferry, Tiber and Fort Peck Reservoirs.

(8) Corrected for storage in Canyon Ferry, Tiber, Fort Peck, Buffalo Bill and Boysen Reservoirs.

(10) Corrected for storage in Gibson Reservoir and diversions.



WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF APRIL 1, 1963

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RIVER AND FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST	PERCENT	MEASURED FLOW	
			THIS YEAR	AVERAGE	LAST YEAR*	AVERAGE
YELLOWSTONE RIVER						
1915	Corwin Springs	Apr-Sept	1520	77	2266	1980
		Apr-July	1265	77	1903	1649
1925	Livingston (near)	Apr-Sept	1737	77	2562	2252
		Apr-July	1430	77	2148	1863
2145	Billings (at)	Apr-Sept	3211	75	4577	4261
		Apr-July	2736	75	3854	3675
3090	Miles City (at)(12)	Apr-Sept	4956	74	7114	6721
		Apr-July	4333	74	6170	5883
3295	Sidney (near)(12)	Apr-Sept	5053	73	8124	6921
		Apr-July	4386	73	7190	6137
SHIELDS RIVER						
1935	Clyde Park (at)	Apr-Sept	97.3	88	85.9	111
		Apr-July	90.0	87	77.4	103
STILLWATER RIVER						
2050	Absarokee (near)(11)	Apr-Sept	515	83	637	620
		Apr-July	430	82	519	523
CLARKS FORK RIVER						
2075	Chance (at)	Apr-Sept	449	73	622	617
		Apr-July	405	73	558	552
2085	Edgar (at)	Apr-Sept	468	72	678	652
		Apr-July	413	72	585	575
ROCK CREEK						
2095	Red Lodge (near)	Apr-Sept	90.6	81	107	112
		Apr-July	69.8	81	82.8	86.3

(11) Corrected for storage in Mystic Lake.

(12) Corrected for storage in Buffalo Bill and Boysen Reservoirs.



SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF APRIL 1, 1963

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	3/26	7.8	8.0	7.6
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	3/27	6.0	5.5	5.4

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	3/28	3.0	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	3/25	5.8	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3		-	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	3/29	2.8	2.5	-
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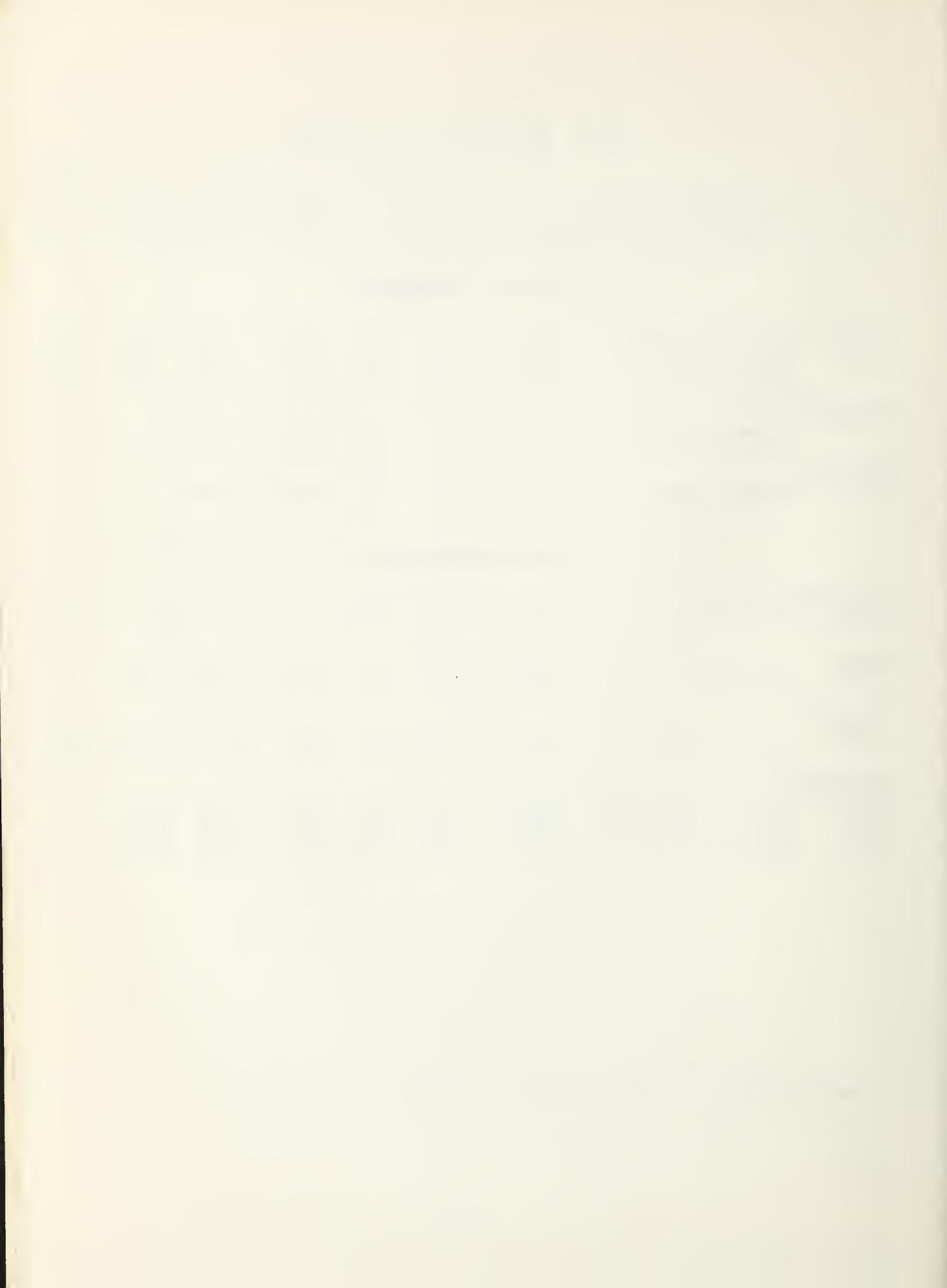
Gallatin

11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	3/29	14.1	11.5	10.6
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	3/29	14.3	14.8	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	3/30	7.0	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 1/	3/29	13.8	12.4	-

1/ Capacity and previously published revised data.



SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF APRIL 1, 1963

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	(inches)
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

KOOTENAI RIVER

15B11	Baree Creek	5500	4/1	94	31.7	51.2	48.7*
14A4	Brush Creek	5000	3/25	21	6.8	10.7	15.2*
Can 10	Fernie	3500	4/5	0	0.0	9.6	9.3
Can 12A	Field	4200	3/31	17	4.3	5.5	5.2
Can 43	Gray Creek	5100	3/28	51	13.5	18.7	19.8*
Can 33	Kicking Horse	5400	3/31	51	14.2	12.8	14.9*
Can 20B	Kimberley	3800	3/31	10	3.5	7.3	6.8
Can 32	Marble Canyon	5000	3/28	42	11.5	9.0	13.9*
Can 10B	Morrissey Ridge	6100	4/1	75	23.8	-	-
Can 10A	New Fernie	4100	4/5	20	7.9	15.4	15.4*
15A1	Red Mountain	6000	3/27	41	13.1	15.8	21.5
Can 8A	Sinclair Pass	4500	3/29	7	1.5	3.8	6.0
Can 20A	Sullivan Mine	5100	3/29	36	9.7	11.5	15.4*
Can 41	Upper Elk River	4400	3/31	5	1.0	6.4	8.3*
14A7	Weasel Divide	5450	3/28	72	25.2	30.6	33.4

FLATHEAD RIVER

13B14A	Basin Creek	5000	4/3	11	3.7	10.7	10.5*
14B3	Bassoo Peak	5150	3/25	17	5.9	13.6	-
13B3	Big Creek	6750	3/28	103	43.0	49.2	43.4
13A17	Camp Misery	6400	3/26	94	35.3	38.7	-
13A2	Desert Mountain	5600	3/26	33	11.0	17.0	16.6
13B4	Fatty Creek	5500	3/28	48	16.8	22.8	-
14A9	Griffin Creek Divide	5150	3/27	19	6.6	14.4	-
14A3	Hell Roaring Divide	5770	3/29	67	24.8	30.0	31.7
13B13	Holbrook	4530	4/3	13	4.7	11.4	10.1*
14A6	Kishenehn	3886	3/31	10	3.4	9.4	10.8
14A5	Logan Creek	4300	3/25	15	4.2	9.4	9.8
13A5	Marias Pass	5250	3/29	31	9.2	18.1	20.3
13A16	Mineral Creek	4000	3/26	35	11.6	15.2	23.9*
13B7	North Fork Jocko	6330	3/29	96	37.0	49.3	44.4
13A13	Quintonkon	3800	No measurement			15.6	14.8*
13B2	Spotted Bear Mountain	7000	4/3	24	8.0	16.2	15.6*
13A10	Strawberry Lake	6500	4/3	75	28.7	39.2	42.5*
13B1	Trinkus Lake	6500	4/3	76	31.2	42.2	41.5*
13A12	Trout Lake	3600	4/1	19	6.2	15.6	16.4*
13B11	Twin Creeks	3580	4/1	11	3.6	12.0	10.6*
13B5	Upper Holland Lake	7000	4/3	74	25.8	38.0	34.3*



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(inches)

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

CLARK FORK RIVER

13C13	Black Pine	7100	3/26	39	13.6	13.6	-
12B10	Copper Creek	5700	3/20	27	8.1	16.8	-
12B11	Cotter Mine	6250	3/20	31	8.8	18.4	-
13B10	Coyote Hill	4200	3/28	22	7.2	13.0	10.6*
13C9	El Dorado Mine	7800	3/25	59	20.6	22.6	22.7*
13C11	Fred Burr Pass	8000	3/28	65	24.2	24.7	27.0*
13C10	Gold Creek Lake	7200	3/25	42	13.9	16.6	17.2*
15C1	Hoodoo Creek	6200	3/26	85	32.8	50.4	53.2
13C4	Intergaard	6450	4/1	44	8.7	10.4	7.9*
15B2	Lookout	5250	4/1	79	24.1	42.8	39.0*
13C8	Lubrecht Forest #6	4040	3/31	4	1.3	6.4	2.5*
13C12	Red Lion	7000	3/28	51	16.2	16.8	18.0*
13C3	Skalkaho Summit	7259	3/26	60	21.2	26.6	27.1
13C2	Slide Rock Mountain	7100	3/27	43	14.2	16.7	15.9
13C5	Southern Cross	6500	4/1	34	7.1	9.5	5.9*
13C7	Storm Lake	7780	3/28	46	14.0	15.7	15.6
13C6	Stuart Mill	6500	4/1	32	7.3	9.0	6.9*
13C1	Stuart Mountain	7400	3/30	82	29.0	32.5	32.8
14B1	TV Mountain	6800	3/29	52	16.6	20.5	19.0*

BITTERROOT RIVER

13C16	Ambrose	6475	3/25	38	13.2	15.2	-
13D1	East Fork R. S.	5400	3/25	16	5.8	6.6	7.1
13D2	Gibbons Pass	7100	3/28	52	16.6	22.5	25.4
14D3	Kit Carson	4700	3/28	11	4.3	7.8	9.0
14C5	Lolo Pass	5230	3/28	56	21.8	39.0	36.7*
14C7	Lost Horse	5940	3/27	58	20.3	33.4	-
13D16	Moose Creek	6200	3/29	29	8.4	14.6	18.3
14D2	Nez Perce Camp	5580	3/28	29	8.9	15.8	15.5
14D1	Nez Perce Pass	6575	3/28	31	9.7	17.3	19.7
14C6	Powell R. S.	4230	3/28	15	6.4	14.1	14.0*
14C4	Savage Pass	6600	3/28	59	21.8	28.4	30.3*
14C8	Twin Lakes	6510	3/27	83	31.8	44.6	-

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NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	(inches)
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

BEAVERHEAD RIVER

13B10	Bloody Dick	7600	3/28	30	8.2	11.3	12.1*
11E11	Blue Ledge Mine	6700	3/27	25	7.2	22.5	17.3
12E3	Camp Creek	6800	3/26	8	2.3	12.1	10.4
12D4	Carter Creek	7400	3/27	15	3.4	-	-
13D9	Gold Stone	8100	3/28	44	12.8	15.2	15.8*
11E12	Kilgore	6200	3/27	11	4.2	14.8	10.3
11E4	Lakeview Canyon	6930	3/28	24	6.4	14.3	11.3*
11E3	Lakeview Ridge	7400	3/28	21	5.6	12.2	10.1*
13E1	Lemhi Pass	7480	3/27	24	5.8	7.4	9.6*
13E2	Trail Creek	7090	3/27	21	5.7	7.7	9.1*
12E1	White Pine Ridge	8850	3/25	18	4.0	5.6	6.2*

RUBY RIVER

11D8	Clover Meadow	8600	3/25	46	13.0	-	-
12E7	Divide	7900	3/25	25	6.8	-	-
12E6	Notch	8500	3/25	42	11.3	-	-

BIG HOLE RIVER

13D20	Abundance Lake	8800	3/25	49	14.2	-	-
13D19	Darkhorse Lake	8600	3/25	61	20.5	-	-
13D15	Elk Horn Springs	7800	3/27	31	8.4	11.0	10.7*
13D21	Foolhen	8500	3/25	46	14.0	-	-
13D8	Jahnke Creek	7340	3/28	21	5.1	8.4	11.7*

JEFFERSON RIVER

12C7	Berry Meadow	7300	4/1	34	8.4	9.0	-
12C6	Picnic Grounds	6500	4/1	20	4.6	6.0	5.3*
12D1	Pipestone Pass	7200	3/29	21	6.0	6.9	6.0

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF APRIL 1, 1963

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	(inches)
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

MADISON RIVER

11E9	Big Springs	6500	3/29	32	10.4	25.6	23.6
11D7	Call Road	8050	3/25	35	9.7	13.1	-
11D6	Crockett Lake	8400	3/25	34	10.8	13.5	-
11E5	Hebgen Dam	6550	3/27	24	7.3	11.2	12.6
11E10	Island Park	6315	3/29	30	8.8	20.3	17.8
11D5	Jack Creek	6800	3/26	15	5.2	7.2	-
10E2	Norris Basin	7500	3/28	34	8.0	12.4	10.3*
11D3	North Meadow	7500	3/26	24	6.6	10.6	-
11E8	Valley View	6500	3/29	35	9.0	19.4	16.4
11E7	West Yellowstone	6700	3/27	20	6.3	11.0	12.7

GALLATIN RIVER

11D9	Bear Basin	8150	4/1	54	19.2	-	-
10D4	Devil's Slide	8100	3/30	64	22.4	25.4	21.2
10D3	Hood Meadow	6600	3/30	29	9.2	11.4	9.8
11D10	Little Park	7400	4/1	40	12.8	-	-
10D1	New World	6700	3/21	35	11.0	9.6	10.9
11E6	Twenty-One Mile	7150	3/27	32	9.0	17.8	19.2

MISSOURI RIVER (Main Stem)

11C1	Boulder Mountain	7950	3/25	44	13.8	-	-
12C5	Chessman Reservoir	6200	3/28	5	1.4	5.0	5.1
9C1	Crystal Lake	6100	3/29	42	17.3	13.4	11.8
10C7	Elk Peak	8000	3/27	43	14.4	-	-
10C2	Grasshopper	7000	3/27	13	4.0	7.2	5.6
10C1	Kings Hill	7500	3/29	32	8.3	13.5	13.8
9A1	Rocky Boy	5200	4/1	15	4.7	4.4	5.2
12C1	Stemple Pass	6900	3/28	27	7.2	10.2	11.0
12C2	Tenmile, Lower	6250	4/2	27	6.1	8.0	7.1
12C3	Tenmile, Middle	6800	4/1	44	10.9	11.0	11.3
12C4	Tenmile, Upper	8000	4/1	52	14.4	14.0	14.4

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVERS

12B6	Cabin Creek	5400	4/3	0	0	7.0	7.1*
12A1	Freight Creek	6000	3/21	22	9.9	14.4	17.4*
12B5	Gates Park	5300	4/3	16	4.8	10.6	11.0*
12B7	Goat Mountain	7000	3/31	20	6.0	12.1	12.4
12B2	Waldron Creek	5600	3/21	7	2.8	6.3	7.7*
12B1	West Fork	6000	3/21	28	8.9	-	17.7*
12B4	Wrong Creek	5700	4/3	28	8.8	14.6	16.2*
12B3	Wrong Ridge	6800	4/3	50	13.7	18.4	23.1*

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SNOW SURVEY DATA

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SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	(inches)
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

JUDITH RIVER

10C6	Spur Park	8000	3/28	54	17.4	-	-
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SASKATCHEWAN (BOW) RIVER

Alb. 1	Bow River	5100	3/28	26	5.8	8.1	8.7
Alb. 2	North Course	5400	3/28	28	6.0	7.8	8.9
Alb. 3	Pipestone River	5100	3/28	23	5.1	7.2	6.6
Alb. 5	Lake Louise	5800	3/27	30	8.0	9.3	11.2
Alb. 6	Mirror Lake	6600	3/27	36	8.6	11.0	12.5
Alb. 8	Miscl. Lake Louise	5700	3/27	37	7.4	10.4	11.1
Alb. 9	Forty Mile Creek	5500	3/26	18	4.1	9.8	7.5*

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER

10C5	Bald Ridge	7500	3/26	34	9.6	12.6	-
9D1	Camp Senia	7890	4/1	19	5.8	9.3	7.3
10E3	Canyon	7750	3/31	41	12.3	19.4	16.0
10D5	Crevice Mountain	8400	4/1	30	8.2	12.1	10.5
10E6	East Entrance	7000	3/30	27	6.4	9.7	11.9*
9D3	Gertrude Lake	9250	4/1	35	10.5	17.8	-
9D5	Grizzly Peak	8400	3/29	51	14.9	23.6	-
10D6	Independence	8000	3/25	51	15.4	19.8	18.4*
10E4	Lake Camp #2	7850	3/31	20	4.6	14.4	12.3*
9E1	Lodgepole	8200	4/1	34	9.4	11.1	13.1*
10E1	Lupine Creek	7300	3/29	26	4.4	12.6	11.6*
10D12	Monument Peak	9000	3/25	62	19.8	27.6	-
10D7	Northeast Entrance (Cooke City)	7400	3/30	27	7.4	9.3	9.5
10C3	Porcupine R. S.	6500	3/26	24	6.7	7.8	7.1
10D10	Sacajawea	6550	3/29	41	13.8	13.2	-
10E5	Sylvan Pass	7100	3/30	39	10.5	10.9	15.9*
10E7	Thumb Divide	7900	3/27	44	12.9	29.0	25.4*
9D4	Timberline Creek	8850	4/1	38	11.0	18.8	-
9D2	West Rosebud	7500	3/29	27	7.4	-	-

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF MARCH 31, 1963

(1000 Acre Feet)

BASIN	RESERVOIR	USEABLE CAPACITY	USEABLE STORAGE		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead	Hungry Horse	3,428.0	2,842.0	2,200.0	2,177.0**
	Flathead Lake	1,791.0	758.8	598.3	628.8
	Camas 1/	45.2	29.6	29.2	26.5
	Mission Valley 2/	100.3	32.8	26.9	38.6
Clark Fork	Georgetown Lake	31.0	23.3	21.0	21.6
	Noxon	334.6		107.4	-
Bitterroot	Como	34.9	24.2	15.6	12.4
	Painted Rocks		27.3		

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead	Lima	84.0	26.3	17.8	33.9
Ruby	Ruby	38.8		28.7	26.5**
Madison	Hebgen Lake	384.8	272.4	110.8	208.3
	Ennis Lake	41.0	38.5	39.1	35.3
Gallatin	Middle Creek	8.0	5.1	2.7	4.1**
Missouri	Canyon Ferry	3,043.0	1,962.0	1,217.0	1,585.0**
	Hauser & Helena	61.9	46.0	58.4	44.3
	Lake Helena	10.4	5.2	9.2	5.5**
	Holter Lake	81.9	57.4	81.0	54.3
	Smith River	10.7	9.0	2.6	6.5**
	Ackley Lake	5.8	3.4	1.9	3.9
	Durand	7.0	7.0	1.9	5.3
	Martinsdale	23.1	9.4	2.1	10.2
	Deadman's Basin	72.2	57.4	13.3	46.2**
	Fort Peck	19,410.0	10,070.0	8,143.0	11,606.0
Sun-Teton	Gibson	105.0	46.2	41.0	66.4
	Willow Creek	32.3	27.2	11.0	20.2
	Pishkun	32.0	18.0	16.7	18.6
Marias	Lower Two Medicine	16.6	1.9	-	-
	Four Horns	19.2		14.0	8.7
	Swift	30.0	14.1	18.3	24.7
	Lake Francis	112.0	66.6	78.2	96.0
	Tiber	1,313.0	660.7	623.1	653.8**
Milk	Fresno	127.2	49.0	37.8	85.6
	Nelson	66.8	42.5	15.4	33.7
	Lake Sherburne	66.1		19.9	22.7
Yellowstone	Mystic Lake	20.8	6.5	4.4	5.7
	Tongue River	68.0		47.3	18.1
	Cooney	27.5		15.1	12.7

1/ Sum of four small reservoirs on west side of Flathead Lake.

2/ Sum of eight small reservoirs in Mission Valley not including Jocko Lake.

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